STATE OF NEVADA





Brian Sandoval, Governor Kay Scherer, Interim Director David Emme, Administrator

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION - Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation

Web Posting: 09/21/2016

Deadline for Comment: 10/22/2016

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection (the Division) gives notice that an application for renewal of a Water Pollution Control Permit for the New Pass Mine Project, a mining and beneficiation facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The Applicant for renewal of Water Pollution Control Permit NEV0093114 (Permit) is:

Donald E. Jung P.O. Box 69 Austin, NV 89310-0069

The facility is located on public and private land in Lander and Churchill Counties, within Sections 9, 10, 15, and 16, Township 20 North, Range 40 East, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, approximately 27 miles northwest of the town of Austin.

The Project consists of underground mining and a physical separation beneficiation facility, pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.414 designed to extract gold concentrate, with a maximum permitted production rate of 1,000 tons of ore per year. The facility is comprised of an underground mine, mill, tailings impoundment, wells, etc. Facilities are required to be designed, constructed, operated, and closed without any discharge or release in excess of those standards established in regulation except for meteorological events which exceed the design storm event.

The Administrator is constrained to either issue the renewed Permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to issue the renewed Permit.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed Permit, to recommend terms and conditions for consideration of incorporation into the Permit, or who request a public hearing pursuant to NAC 445A.403, must submit their written comments, objections, or requests by hand delivery or US Postal Service, or by facsimile or e-mail transmittal, no later than 5:00 PM on the 30th day following the date of publication of this notice (submittal end date 22 October 2016) to:

Division of Environmental Protection Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation 901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001 Carson City, NV 89701-5249 All comments, objections, or requests received during the public notice period will be considered in the final determination regarding the Permit. If the Division determines written comments or requests indicate a significant degree of public interest in this matter, the Administrator shall schedule a public hearing in accordance with the requirements of NAC 445A.405.

The draft Permit and all application documents are on file at the Division and are available for public inspection and copying pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute 445A.665. For more information, contact Matthew Schulenberg at (775) 687-9409 or visit the Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation website at http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/index.htm.